

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19th MARCH 2019 AT 7PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

Prior to the meeting there were 2 guest speakers, Jayne Griffiths (Turning Rhayader Pink for Cancer Research), and Cambrian Mountain Initiative.

Jayne Griffiths works for Tesco Stores as their Community Champion. She would like to turn Rhayader pink from 7th to the 11th of May, along with Builth Wells and Llandrindod Wells. (Builth and Llandrindod have already agreed) The idea is to ask local businesses to dress their shop windows pink, wear something pink, organise stalls, competitions etc to raise awareness and money for Cancer Research. All money raised in Rhayader will go to Rhayader Cancer Charities, as will that of Builth and Llandrindod. Street decorations such as bows etc will be provided and Jayne will be on hand to coordinate the event.

Over the years, Jayne has raised £43,000 for Cancer Research. Through the Blue Token Appeal used in Tesco Stores, £164,000 has been given to local charities, and she advised RTC if there are any local charities interested in taking part in the Blue Token Appeal, they need to apply via Tesco Stores.

Jayne has been in communication with local shops such as Co-op, Spar etc who are willing to take part. Council agreed with the idea of turning the town pink.

A consultant employed by Cambrian Mountain Initiative, addressed the Council with an update.

Forty Years ago, the Uplands was to become a National Park, but the Secretary of State at the time would not sign the paperwork. There was concern about the future of farming, wind farms, tourism etc.

Cambrian Mountain Initiative were formed in 2008.

There is growing concern that our area would fall behind on bidding for support as in the past we had missed out on several grants.

There is a report due to be released on the Cambrian Mountains Initiative, a copy of which will be sent to RTC. Cllr. C. Evans asked were there any actual proposals in this report, to which the answer was yes.

It was stated by Council that they had not been written to, or been part of any discussion, regarding opinions or contributions to this report.

Council will receive copy of report soon, however at this point in time, no report of any kind has been seen by Councillors.

THOSE PRESENT

Chairman	Councillor W. Davies			
Councillors	D. Davies	C. Evans	V. Jones Davies	J. Stuart
	D.O. Evans	J. Jones	G. Williams	

Observer: County Cllr. K. Curry

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. L. Price, Cllr. J. Narborough, Cllr. R. Thomas, Cllr. C. Walton, and Cllr. A. Davies.

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

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1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

Minutes for February 2019 agreed by Council with the following amendments:

7.3 Donation has been made by RTC from Recycling Account

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8.1 Declaration of Interest by Cllr. C. Walton – Log Cabins

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Dolgerddon Hall Rhayader -Update

PCC will be making a claim against the tenant's insurance company. PCC will be monitoring the building for further structural damage, there is no danger at present to the structure RTC have been told. County Cllr. K. Curry will report back to Council at the next meeting with a further update.

3.2 Rhayader Under 5's Group and RTC Meeting

Council agree to this meeting taking place when arranged.

3.3 St. Harmon Traffic Safety

4: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

4.1 3G Pitch- Main agenda item 6.4

4.2 Elan Links Committee Meeting 6.3.19 – Report provided by Cllr. J. Narborough and circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

4.3 Rhayader 2000 Meeting 4.3.19 – Report provided by Cllr. J. Narborough and circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

4.4 Cemetery Site Meeting 12.3.19 – Report provided by Cllr. G. Williams and circulated to Council Prior to the meeting.

4.5 Rhayader Leg Club at Cwmdauddwr School – Cllr. J. Narborough updated Council on the new Leg Club that has started at Cwmdauddwr School. District Nurses are available to look at leg conditions such as ulcers and dema areas and provide an aftercare service on a drop-in basis. No appointments needed.

4.6 Rhayader Primary School – Report provided by Cllr. A. Davies, and circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

4.7 Waun Capel Trust AGM 25.2.19 – Report provided by Cllr. G. Williams, and circulated to Council Prior to the meeting.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

6 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 5 Year Plan - Cllr. J. Stuart suggested a review meeting of the 5 Year Plan, with a view to cross referencing work from the Council Walkabout in January 2019. Cllr. C. Evans agreed, and suggested that from the Walkabout Report, an action plan be drawn up, and that information be transferred to the 5 Year Plan. Council agreed.

Action – Clerk to go through the walkabout report, and compile an action plan of activities and tasks, that can be cross referenced with the 5 Year Plan, at a review meeting date to be arranged.

6.2 Weirglodd Lease – Update - Cllr. C. Evans attended a meeting with Solicitor Adrian Foulkes, regarding the Weirglodd Lease. They are working together on this task and will be contacting PCC regarding the lease.

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6.3 Bike Park – Update – County Councillor Curry confirmed that the Bike Park is on track. The only outstanding issue is planning, but this is in hand. Documents are now on the portal system. Cllr. J. Stuart proposed that RTC use the Sports Fund Account as a temporary measure, until the Bike Park grant becomes available, in order to start the work on the project. Full Council in agreement.

6.4 3G Pitch Meeting 13.3.19 - Cllr. D. Davies Updated Council on progress so far. The Big Lottery Fund grant of 100,000 (the minimum grant that can be applied for) has been obtained to fund the project. There will be consultations with groups from all areas, such as, The Woman's Institute, The Young Farmers, Walking Football Groups, Rugby Club etc, to promote the use of the pitch.

The Big Lottery Fund is pro-active to parks etc, this information could be included in RTC 5 Year plan. Cllr. D. Davies suggests there are grants out there that RTC could be missing out on, enhancing the need for a Development Officer.

6.5 Councillor Recruitment Update – Ongoing, now on to the next stage in the recruitment procedure.

6.6 Allotment Sub-Committee Meeting 28.2.19 – Report circulated to Council prior to the meeting by Cllr. A. Davies. There are several action points from this report.

Action – Clerk to provide laminated numbers to identify plots, Cllr. A. Davies will investigate the cost of skip hire to clear the rubbish off the site, and to identify if the greenhouses on site are for communal use. (check back copies of minutes to provide proof of ownership).
Allotment update to be added to April agenda.

6.7 Calor Rural Community Fund – Closing date 29.4.19 – This agenda item was noted by the Council. Clerk informed the Council, that information about the fund had been circulated to other community groups to apply criteria permitting.

6.8 RTC Walkabout Update – Cllr. G. Williams informed the Council that she had contacted Brian Price, Penybont regarding the grass cutting. Following this initial contact, a grass cutting schedule was sent to Cllr. G. Davies, which had been circulated to Council prior to the meeting.
Walkabout/grass cutting etc update to be added to April agenda;

6.9 British Weights and Measures Association – Units of measurements – Information noted by the Council.

6.10 Kerbside Garden Waste Collection Update (report circulated to Council 14.3.19) – The report identified questions that were used on a survey, that would determine the introduction of Kerbside Garden Waste Collection. Council noted the report.

6.11 Funding support available 2019/20 (Local Government Partnership) Closing date for applications 12.4.19. Clerk informed Council that information on this funding, had been circulated to other community groups to apply criteria permitting.

Action – Clerk to check eligibility and criteria.

6.12 Sports Powys Budgets Update – Report was circulated to Council prior to the meeting and was briefly discussed by Cllr. D. O. Evans at the meeting. Council noted the report.

6.13 Planning Aid Wales Training – Taking place at RTC Chambers Cwmdauddwr School, Monday 24th June 2019.

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Clerk informed Council they have 3 free places on the course. Cllr. A. Davies has taken one of the places, and it was suggested that, if a new Councillor has been appointed by this time, it would be an advantage for them to take a place on the course. Noted by Council.

6.14 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Report – February 2019.

Clerk made Council aware of the report which was circulated prior to the meeting. Noted by Council.

6.15 Rhayader 30k Race Report 2019 – Report was circulated to Council before the meeting by Cllr. A. Davies. This was a extremely successful event for the town with over 700 runners and over 60 local people volunteering on the day. Cllr. A. Davies suggested RTC send a letter of thanks to the organisers and their team for a fabulous event. Agreed by Council.

Action – Clerk to send a thank you letter to the organisers of the Rhayader 30k Race.

6.16 Rhayader Library, Letter to Stakeholders – Letter was circulated to Council prior to the meeting. Library budgetary savings target of £200,000, has been removed for the year 1.4.19-31.3.20. This change in circumstances, gives more time to work on sustainable long-term solutions for the Library services in our community. Letter of support suggested to be sent from RTC to those responsible for this change in direct for the Library service.

Action – Clerk to send a letter of support to Rachel Powel and Jenny Ashton, with the help of Cllr. D. Davies.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received

8. PLANNING

8.1 19/0261/FUL – Change of use of land to a bike track and associated engineering works including formation of access roadway – Council fully support this planning application.

8.2 19/0349/LBC – Removal of render and re-rendering of wall and internal repairs (Tabernacle United Reform Church) – Council have no objection to this planning application.

9. FINANCE

9.1 HSBC Meeting 22.2.19 – Cllr. J. Narborough, Cllr. G. Williams and Clerk Julie Davies attended a meeting with HSBC Bank regarding update of Clerk and Council contact details, and online banking for the Council accounts. Outcome – RTC now have online banking facility, to an agreed limit, with the back-up of cheques and signatories for larger amounts. Cllr. D. Davies proposed we move to online banking as a way forward with Council accounts and budgeting, seconded by Cllr. J. Stuart. This proposal was agreed by Council with a trial period of 6 months.

9.2 Funding for Dark Lane Public Toilets – Clerk informed Council that a claim will be made at the end of the financial year for expenditure over £10,000.

10. URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. R. Thomas requested Council approval, to go ahead with the Welcome To Rhayader signs, that he had a quote for, and circulated to the Council. Proposed by Cllr. D. Davies and seconded by Cllr. J. Stuart to go ahead with the purchase of the signs. Council agreed to the cost of installing the signs, with specific attention made to the design.

11. PRESS RELEASE

No press releases.

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12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Streets and guttering to be cleaned

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 23rd of April 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

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